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EXCERPT FROM "DIARY NOTES" - DD/S (L. K. White) 4 December 1956

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1. (h). Dr. Tietjen was over for a discussion on a number of points. He believes that his relations with Dr. [] of the Technical Services Staff are going very well. Dr. [] is working very closely with that Staff. He also thinks that the relationship between the Medical Staff and the Assessment and Evaluation Staff is satisfactory and says that Matt Baird got in touch with him this morning and requested that he forget all of the differences which the Medical Staff and the Assessment and Evaluation Staff have had in the past.

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4. Gates Lloyd, [] and I met with Colonel H. L. T. Koren, who is Frank Nash's principal assistant on the overseas bases study. I gathered that Mr. Nash is at the moment feeling his way and that the study is not proceeding with great rapidity because he is also a delegate to the United Nations. They proposed to proceed by issuing questionnaires to the Departments of State and Defense immediately. The role CIA might be expected to play presumably would come later when we might be asked to prepare estimates or comments on the attitudes of indigenous people, the psychological reaction to certain problems, etc. At General Cabell's request, I urged Colonel Koren to ask Mr. Nash to get in touch with Frank Wisner who has recently returned from Europe and has a lot of ideas on this subject. If possible, Mr. [] and I might listen to Frank's recitation in order to keep fully abreast of CIA's participation.

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5. I talked to [] about the [] study, in order to make it quite clear that I recommended giving up [] because, in my own mind, I could not justify it from an operational point of view. I was fearful that the DD/P people thought my sole argument was based on saving \$350,000. From my conversation with [] I believe that the DD/P people concur in my views. However, a decision should not be made on this until Frank Wisner has returned to duty and has had a chance to look into the whole matter.

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3. General Cabell advised me that I would be appointed the focal point for dealing with the Nash Committee. As soon as he signs a letter to this effect I must contact Mr. Nash and see what he wants us to do.

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4. General Cabell discussed with the possibility of the Deputy Director (Support) being appointed the focal point and coordinating official for Agency dealings with the Nash Committee. (Frank Nash, former Assistant Secretary of Defense, has been appointed by the President to look into the problem of our overseas bases.) After studying the papers I told General Cabell that I agreed with what I understood to be his general philosophy, i.e., it would be more appropriate to make a Deputy Director responsible for this sort of thing, but that in this particular instance it looked to me as though the Deputy Directors for Plans, Intelligence, and Support would be involved in that order, and, therefore, it might be better for the Deputy Director (Plans) to do this. He then expressed his philosophy a little further saying that neither of the other two components operated across the board, whereas the Deputy Director (Support) did, and that unless Messrs. Wisner and Amory had some objection he would ask me to take this one on. I said that I had no hesitancy in doing so. If I interpret his discussion correctly, the implication was pretty clear that the Deputy Director (Support) will get most such jobs in the future.

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1. Attended a DD/P weekly staff meeting and discussed the change in emphasis for administrative planning from the Project Administrative Planning Staff to the Chiefs of Administration of the various Divisions. I stated that this was looked upon unanimously with favor and that we should proceed. (We should get out the revised [] Regulation without delay.)

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5. Frank Wisner said that we had received a paper from the Department of Defense setting up an internal organization arrangement there to deal with CIA. The Erskine office is primarily responsible for all staffing, both for the Under Secretary and for Gordon Gray. (Gordon Gray deals with OCB matters; General Erskine on other things.) It is Frank's understanding that this is to be across the board and he would like to have [] be the point of contact. I said that this was entirely agreeable to me although we would hope to keep out of this superstructure as much as possible inasmuch as our support relations with Defense had always gone smoothly in contrast to other things which the Erskine office normally handled. [] is supposed to send me a copy of this paper.)

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4. Met with [] concerning the future of the Project Administrative Planning Staff. It was agreed that [] would replace Bob 25X1
25X1A9A [] on that Staff. It was also agreed that we would move forward with our plan to decentralize to the area Divisions the responsibility for preparing administrative plans. This will be done in two steps: (a) We will make a list of all existing plans and, division by division, turn responsibility for their administration over the Chiefs of Administration of the area divisions; (b) We will proceed to have the Chiefs of Administration of the area divisions assume responsibility for the preparation of new plans. We will not disband the Project Administrative Planning Staff until we are sure that the new system will work. In any case, we will maintain a small function in [] office to act in an advisory and supervisory role. I agreed to speak to Dick Helms and the division ~~chief~~ chiefs about this, after which we should have a meeting of the chiefs of administration of the area divisions.

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9. At a Deputies' Meeting this week Mr. Dulles mentioned that Dr. [] had recommended to him that a closer relationship be established between the Technical Services Staff and the Medical Staff. Mr. Helms commented that there were lots of problems in this area and General Cabell said that he did not think that this suggestion was advisable or practicable. His argument was apparently hinged around the fact that he thought the Medical Staff should be conventional and that the area in which the Technical Services Staff was working with Dr. [] was quite unconventional. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that there was a study now in the mill called "Medical Relationship Liaison" which would be out shortly and which he thought would bringx bring the whole problem into focus.

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